

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Periodic Reporting
(UPS Proposals One, Two, and Three)

Docket No. RM2016-2

NOTICE OF THE ACTING CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING PRESIDING OFFICER
AND RULING ON MOTION FOR EXTENSION

(Issued December 1, 2015)

Designation of Presiding Officer. Pursuant to section 3604(a) of the Postal Reorganization Act (39 U.S.C. § 504(a)), I hereby designate myself to serve as Presiding Officer in the above captioned docket. This designation shall become effective immediately.

Motion for Extension. On November 30, 2015, United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS) filed a motion seeking an extension of time to submit responses to Chairman's Information Request (CHIR) Nos. 1 and 3.¹ In particular, UPS seeks to extend the deadline for submitting responses to CHIR Nos. 1 and 3 to December 10, 2015. *Id.* at 1. UPS states that the Thanksgiving holiday "complicated the extensive collaboration" required to respond to the Acting Chairman's questions and claims that granting the extensions will not prejudice any party. *Id.*

UPS notes that the Postal Service "takes no position on this motion," other than to request that if the deadline for submitting responses to CHIR Nos. 1 and 3 is extended to December 10, 2015, that the deadline for submitting responses to CHIR

¹ United Parcel Service, Inc.'s Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Chairman's Information Requests One and Three, November 30, 2015 (UPS Motion for Extension); Chairman's Information Request No. 1, November 20, 2015 (CHIR No. 1); Revised Chairman's Information Request No. 3, November 24, 2015 (CHIR No. 3).

No. 2 be extended to the same date.² Finally, UPS states that it contacted Amazon Fulfillment Services, Inc. (Amazon) to request its position on this motion. UPS Motion for Extension at 2 n.2. UPS explains that Amazon consents to the UPS Motion for Extension so long as the subsequent filing deadlines in this docket are extended by the same amount of time. *Id.*

Extensions of time may be granted as a matter of discretion upon a motion for good cause shown. See 39 C.F.R. § 3001.16. The Presiding Officer finds that the reasons cited by UPS provide the requisite showing of good cause. To ensure that no party is prejudiced by the granting of the UPS Motion for Extension, the Presiding Officer also finds that the deadline for submitting responses to CHIR No. 2 should coincide with the deadline for submitting responses to CHIR Nos. 1 and 3. Finally, since the comment deadline in this docket (January 20, 2016) falls nearly 6 weeks after the revised CHIR response deadlines, the Presiding Officer does not find good cause for adjusting this (or any other) filing deadline at this time. Accordingly, the UPS Motion for Extension is granted. The revised deadline for submission of responses to CHIR Nos. 1, 2, and 3 shall be no later than December 10, 2015.

By the Acting Chairman.

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² *Id.* at 1-2. See Chairman's Information Request No. 2, November 20, 2015 (CHIR No. 2).